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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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CLEANUP WORK CONTINUES ON ANHYDROUS AMMONIA RELEASE NEAR WOODBINE

WOODBINE — Contractors are continuing cleanup work by removing contaminated soil Friday after separate releases of anhydrous ammonia Tuesday and Wednesday near Woodbine.

The anhydrous ammonia was released when a semi truck and tanker rolled into an unnamed tributary of South Picayune Creek Tuesday.

Anhydrous ammonia stopped escaping from the tank by 11 p.m. Wednesday. The amount of anhydrous leaked is still unknown.

The truck and tanker were removed from the creek on Thursday. Contractors also added three dams to the creek and removed contaminated water.

Fresh water will be pumped into the affected area of the creek on Friday. When ammonia levels in the creek return to normal, the dams constructed earlier in the week will be removed.

“While we had a small fish kill in the contained part of the creek, I’m confident that damming the creek prevented a large fish kill on the entire stretch of creek and the Boyer River,” said Dan Stipe, supervisor of the DNR’s field office in Atlantic.

DNR fisheries staff conducted a fish kill count Wednesday, showing that 93 fish with a total value of \$768.36 were killed. Species included blue gill, crappie, largemouth bass and creek chubs. DNR fisheries biologist Chris Larson said numbers were low because many fish had probably already moved downstream for the winter. He added that heavy duckweed cover and rainy conditions somewhat hindered the staff’s ability to count fish.

For more information, contact Dan Stipe at (712) 250-8643.

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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON FOUR IOWA LAKE WATER QUALITY PLANS

DES MOINES — Plans for improving water quality at Ingham and Tuttle Lakes in Emmet County and Little Spirit and Upper Gar Lakes in Dickinson County will be discussed at meetings on Nov. 22. Comments on the draft plans will be accepted until Dec. 3.

A draft TMDL — or Total Maximum Daily Load — has been developed for each of these lakes. TMDLs are calculations used to determine how much of a pollutant a water body can receive and still maintain its designated use, such as maintaining aquatic life, allowing body contact such as swimming or being used as a drinking water supply.

TMDLs also include plans on how water quality can be improved through conservation efforts in the respective watersheds. After receiving public comments, the TMDL will be forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for final approval.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Ingham and Tuttle Lakes

Nov. 22

1:30 p.m.

USDA Service Center

2109 Murray Road

Estherville

Little Spirit and Upper Gar Lakes

Nov. 22

6:30 p.m.

Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum

243 West Broadway

Arnolds Park

A copy of the draft TMDLs can be obtained and comments made using the following resources:

- Internet: www.iowadnr.com/water/tmdlwqa/tmdl/publicnotice.html
- E-mail: danelle.haake@dnr.state.ia.us
- Telephone: Danelle Haake at (515) 281-6064
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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR took the following enforcement actions between August and October 2004. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty. The following are only briefs; please contact Jessie Rolph of the DNR for more information at (515) 281-5131.

- Americana Bowl, of Fort Madison, was ordered to pay an annual water supply operation fee of \$25, a late fee of \$100 and a \$500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to pay the annual operation fee and late fee. The operation and late fees have been paid, but the penalty has not yet been paid.
- Rose Bartles, of Glenwood, was ordered to stop open burning, cease the illegal disposal of solid waste, properly dispose of all illegally disposed waste and provide documentation of proper disposal, and pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to a site in Mills County. The order has been appealed.
- Gary Hart, of Clinton, was ordered to cease illegal disposal of solid waste, stop open burning, remove all fluids from vehicles prior to crushing, properly store all waste oil and antifreeze, provide records of proper disposal and pay a \$4,250 penalty. The order is in regards to a salvage operation in Clinton. The order has been appealed.
- Craig Wood, of Rudd, was ordered to cease open burning and to pay a \$1,150 penalty. The order is in regards to the open burning of waste lumber and other scrap wastes from a garage, which produced large volumes of black smoke and other air pollutants.
- Paul Shimp and S&V Fence Co., d.b.a. S & V Fence & Deck Company, of Eldridge, were ordered to cease open burning and pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to the open burning of wooden pallets and similar trade waste. The order has been appealed.
- Darrin Eitmann, of McClelland, and First Farms, Inc., of Council Bluffs, were ordered to cease open burning and pay a \$500 penalty. The order is in regards to the open burning of 55-gallon drums of waste oil, plastic agricultural chemical containers and waste tires, which produced large volumes of black smoke and other air pollutants.
- Joe Ingham, of Swaledale, and Karen Ingham, of Rockwell, were ordered to cease open burning, cease open dumping, to properly dispose of solid waste on the

property, to properly manage solid waste and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to a site in Cerro Gordo County.

- Fairwinds Corporation, Inc., d.b.a. Envirobate Management Services, of Urbandale, was ordered to stop illegal asbestos removal and disposal, to comply with required asbestos notification, removal and disposal regulations, and to pay a \$10,000 penalty. The order is regards to the demolition of school buildings in Dow City and Dunlap. The order has been appealed.
- Greg Vanden Bosch and G&T Eggs, of Sioux County, were ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to submit an MMP. The order has been appealed.
- Ted T. Smith, of Storm Lake, was ordered to submit all fees and information necessary to complete a manure management plan (MMP), and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit an MMP for a facility in Buena Vista County.
- Mike Elsbernd, of Calmar, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to submit an MMP for a facility in Winneshiek County. The order has been appealed.
- Monty Unkrich, of Fairfield, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to submit an MMP for a facility in Jefferson County. The order has been appealed.
- Kollasch Land and Livestock, Inc., and Hawkeye Woods, of Palo Alto County, were ordered to pay a penalty of \$750 plus \$67.50 in interest from a previous administrative order, plus an additional \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to comply with a previous administrative order by failing to pay the penalty. The original penalty and interest has been paid, but the additional penalty has not yet been paid.
- Carl Sandgren, of Callender, was ordered to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit a manure management plan for a facility in Webster County.
- Granpa Pork, Inc., of Sutherland, was ordered to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit a manure management plan for a facility in O'Brien County. The penalty has been paid.
- Teske Pork, L.L.C., of Eldora, was ordered to submit all fees necessary to complete its manure management plan and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit a manure management plan for a facility in Hardin County. The order has been appealed.

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